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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1189**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez**

February 22, 2005

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An act to amend Section 2932 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1189, as amended, Bermudez. Vehicles: motorcycles: rider training programs.

Existing law authorizes the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, through contracts with other public agencies or with private entities, ~~to provide financial or other support to projects aimed at enhancing motorcycle operation or safety, including rider training programs~~ *to adopt standards for course content, contract hours, curriculum, instructor training and testing, and instructional quality control, and setting forth a maximum amount for course fees for a specified motorcycle novice rider training course.*

~~This bill, additionally, would authorize the commissioner to provide financial or other support to projects aimed at enhancing both motorcycle operation and safety~~ *would delete the specific authorization to set forth a maximum amount for course fees.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2932 of the Vehicle Code is amended to  
2 read:

1 2932. The commissioner may, through contracts with other  
2 public agencies or with private entities, do all of the following:

3 (a) Provide financial or other support to projects aimed at  
4 enhancing motorcycle operation~~and~~ or safety, including, but not  
5 limited to, rider training programs. The rider training programs  
6 shall comply with criteria which the commissioner, in  
7 consultation with other state agencies and national motorcycle  
8 safety organizations, may adopt to provide validated rider safety  
9 training programs in the state.

10 (b) Sponsor and coordinate efforts aimed at increasing  
11 motorists' awareness of motorcyclists.

12 (c) Sponsor research into effective communication techniques  
13 to reach all highway users on matters of motorcyclist safety.

14 (d) Establish an advisory committee of persons from other  
15 state and local agencies with an interest in motorcycle safety;  
16 persons from the motorcycle industry; motorcycle safety  
17 organizations; motorcycle enthusiast organizations; and others  
18 with an interest in motorcycle safety, to assist in the  
19 establishment of a comprehensive program of motorcycle safety.

20 (e) Adopt standards for course content, contact hours,  
21 curriculum, instructor training and testing, and instructional  
22 quality control,~~and setting forth a maximum amount for course~~  
23 ~~fees for the novice rider training course specified in subdivision~~  
24 (g) of Section 12804.9.